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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated June 3, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks. The undersigned also concurrently submits a request for an Extension of Time to extend the time to respond to this Communication to and including December 3, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this submission.

Additionally, please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.